



MA MISSISSIPPI BELLE.

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The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in B-flat major, 2/4 time. The piano part features a rhythmic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The vocal melody is introduced in the third system with two verses. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The score includes dynamic markings such as *ff* (fortissimo) and repeat signs. The piano part continues throughout the vocal sections, providing harmonic support.

1. Down de Mis - sis - sip - pi, where de
2. When we makes de land - in', an' I

steam - boats run, Der's a land - in' dat I know so well;
gits a - sho', Cose I goes a - cote - in' of ma belle.

Where de southern breeze Slumbers in de trees, Lives a lit - tle gal I call ma
Eyes as big an bright As de stars at night! How I love dat gal no tongue can

CHORUS

Ma Mis-sis-sip-pi belle, ma belle, Ma dar-ling, won't you tell,

Oh, tell me if your love, ma tur-tle dove, Is

on-ly goin' to lin-ger for a spell? Ma Mis-sis-sip-pi belle, ma belle, I

loves you might-y well, so well; Yes, and to you I will be true, Ma

Mis-sis-sip-pi belle, ma belle.

belle.
tell.

Stand - in' on de land - in' is ma su - gar - plum,
If dis pret - ty lit - tle gal will mar - ry me,

When de steam-boat puts in for de sho',—
I won't go back on dat boat no mo'.

Sweet as sweet can be!
'Cause it breaks her heart

Wait - in' dere for me, when she hears dat whis - tle blow, Boo-oo-
Dat we have to part when we hear dat whis - tle blow, Boo-oo-

- oo - - oo, Boo-oo - oo - - oo, Boo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo - oo!